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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Overview of Claim changes: Claims 1, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15 and 18 have been amended. Claims 5, 9, 10, 12 and 17 have been canceled. Claims 23-26 have been added (new).

Support for Claim Changes / Additions

Changes to claims 1, 8 and 15 that require the frame structure surrounds the edges of artwork or a picture are supported in the specifications with in the text and more prominently in the figures where all embodiments show the artwork or picture surrounded by the frame.

Changes to claims 6, 11, 13 and 18 are made to satisfy comments / rejections from the examiner and to accommodate amendments made to Independent claims 1, 8 and 15.

Added (new) claims 23-26 are supported in the detailed description on page 8 lines 12-15, page 7 lines 30-31, and on page 13 lines 10-11.

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Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A picture frame with integrated power control and lighting comprising;

a frame structure that surrounds the edges of artwork or a picture

~~capable of retaining a replaceable image,~~

at least one power storage device located within the frame structure,

a variable power control mechanism ~~device~~ located within the frame structure,

at least one LED light source located in front of the image located within the frame structure oriented to shine light onto the image, and

an electrical connection located within the frame structure that connects the variable power control mechanism that varies the intensity of the at least one LED light source such that the intensity of the light source supplements ambient light.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The frame structure in claim 1 wherein the frame structure is made from metal, plastic, or wood.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The power source from claim 1 wherein the power source is capable of storing electrical power.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The power source from claim 3 wherein the power source is selected from group of batteries, storage capacitors, solar cells.

Claim 5 (canceled)

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Claim 6 (currently amended): The image from claim 1 wherein the image is a
flat or 3 dimensional image that rises from a surface.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The electrical connection from claim 1
wherein the electrical connection consists of wires etched circuit board,
and circuitry that is molded bonded or formed as a part of the frame.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A picture frame with integrated lighting
comprising;
a frame structure that surrounds the edges of artwork or a picture
~~capable of retaining a replaceable image,~~
a variable power source located external to the frame structure,
at least one LED light source located within the frame structure and in
front of the image where the LED is oriented such that the
illumination from the LED light shines on the front of the
replaceable image, and
an electrical connection located within the frame structure that connects
the variable power source to the at least one LED light source
wherein the intensity of the LED light source is at least partially
controlled to supplement ambient light external to the picture
frame.

Claim 9-10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (currently amended): The power source from claim 8 wherein the
power source is from an electrical outlet, or batteries, ~~or other power~~
~~supply~~ that is capable of providing electrical power.

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Claim 12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (currently amended): The image from claim 8 wherein the image is a ~~flat or~~ 3 dimensional image that rises from a surface.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The electrical connection from claim 8 wherein the electrical connection consists of wires etched circuit board, and circuitry that is molded bonded or formed as a part of the frame.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A method of providing front illuminating of a picture or image comprising;
providing a frame structure
that surrounds the edges of artwork or a picture ~~can retain an image~~,
providing a solar charged power source,
providing a light source, and locating the light source within the frame and in front of the image, and
providing an electrical connection from the solar charged power source to the light source within the frame structure.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The frame structure from claim 15 wherein the frame is the frame structure is made from metal, plastic, or wood.

Claim 17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (currently amended): The solar charged power source from claim 15 wherein the solar charged power source is batteries, or storage capacitors ~~or other solar chargeable power supply~~ that ~~is~~ are capable of providing electrical power.

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Claim 19 (previously presented): The light source from claim 15 wherein the source is selected from a group consisting of LED's incandescent lights, florescent light, halogen lights, or any other device that provides light when electricity is applied.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The electrical connection from claim 15 wherein the electrical connection consists of wires etched circuit board, and circuitry that is molded bonded or formed as a part of the frame structure.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The frame structure in claim 8 wherein the frame structure is made from metal, plastic, or wood.

Claim 23 (new) The picture frame with integrated power control and lighting from claim 1 that further includes a sound generating means that makes sound in response to ambient light changes.

Claim 24 (new) The picture frame with integrated lighting from claim 8 that further includes a sound generating means that makes sound in response to ambient light changes.

Claim 25 (new) The picture frame with integrated power control and lighting from claim 1 that further includes a motion sensor that illuminated the artwork or picture when movement is detected.

Claim 26 (new) The picture frame with integrated lighting from claim 8 that further includes a motion sensor that illuminated the artwork or picture when movement is detected.